

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Toshiharu KOBAYASHI et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**
Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2004_1501A
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NI-BASE DIRECTIONALLY SOLIDIFIED
AND SINGLE-CRYSTAL SUPERALLOY
[Corresponding to JP03/03885
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows: